GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:304
ANSWERED ON:24.03.2005
TELECASTING RIGHTS TO PRASAR BHARATI
Singh Shri Rajiv Ranjan (Lalan)

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prasar Bharati has the monopoly in respect of telecast in certain fields;

(b) if so, whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has urged upon the Government to do away with the said monopoly of Prasar Bharati:

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN PART (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 304 FOR ANSWER ON 24.3.2005

(a) to (d): Terrestrial Television transmission in India is presently being done by only Prasar Bharati, whereas TV transmission through satellite is being carried out by both Prasar Bharati and the private broadcasters.

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has only issued a consultation paper on 25th February, 2005, on `issues relating to private terrestrial television broadcasting services`, seeking inputs from various stakeholders and to generate a discussion on the appropriate policy and licensing framework for the introduction of private terrestrial TV broadcast service in India. TRAI has not formulated its recommendations so far. The Government shall take a view only after TRAI`s recommendations are received.